

Ergonomic Proposed Standard Addressed by Commissions **August 8, 2008**

Committee Reports to Commissions

On August 25, 2008, the General Industry Safety Standards Commission (GISSC) and Occupational Health Standards Commission (OHSC) conducted a joint meeting. The Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee presented a [proposed minimum ergonomics standard](#) that would assess risk factors that may contribute to work-related musculoskeletal disorders and establish a minimal rule for training. The proposed standard would apply only to businesses in general industry, not construction.

Dr. Tycho Fredericks, Commission Liaison and a former GISSC Commissioner, presented a historical perspective of the committee. Co-chairs of the advisory committee, Mark Spence of Dow Chemical, and Dr. Sheryl Ulin of the University of Michigan, presented details of the proposed rule and [non-mandatory appendixes](#). They responded to questions and received appreciation for the group's service.

Other committee members and the public had a chance to comment during the meeting. There were 13 individuals or organizations who spoke in support of the proposed standard and 2 who spoke in opposition.

The next step will be for the two commissions to formally consider the draft rule. If the draft is accepted, the commissions must complete a Regulatory Impact Statement. Public hearings must be held to provide formal opportunity for public input on the draft rule.

The next commission meeting will be on **January 14, 2009** at the State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing, Michigan, Conference Room B at 9:30 a.m.

- [Ergonomics Proposed Standard \(01/18/08\)](#)
- [Appendix \(10/08/07\)](#)
- [Ergonomic Injuries Cost-Savings Fact Sheet \(08/21/08\)](#)